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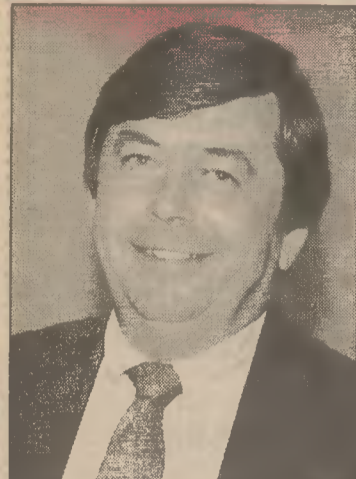
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Special program

The community is invited to a special alcohol prevention program at Perquimans County High School on Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

TAKE THE LEAD, the nation's No. 1 underage alcohol prevention program for teens, will be introduced at the program. The presentation utilizes youth-focused media elements that are multi-racial in content, and are designed to capture the attention of teens.

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Worship in Perquimans: Will return next week

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
Editor

The Hertford Zoning Board of Adjustments paved the way for the opening of the Eagle and Anchor Bed and Breakfast on Market Street Monday night.

After a public hearing, the board approved a conditional use permit for Ronald Carrier, owner of the c. 1820 Col. Francis Toms house at 215 Market Street. Carrier plans to open the bed and breakfast with two guest bedrooms and a suite for families as soon as he finishes renovating the house and meets the conditions imposed in the town's ordinances and those added by the Board of Adjustments Monday.

Carrier, who is from Norfolk, Va., said his family has roots in Chowan County, and he looked for a long time to find the right place to open a bed and breakfast.

"It (Hertford) is a charming, gorgeous place with lots of potential," Carrier said during the hearing.

In addition to those bed and

breakfast requirements set in the town's ordinances, the Board of Adjustments added the following conditions:

- No meals may be served except to overnight paying guests.

- The business must stay in strict compliance with the town's noise ordinances.

- There can be no flood lights in the front yard.

- Carrier must reside on the property.

- No boat and/or trailer parking will be allowed on the street or on the premises.

Carrier said he had no problem complying with the conditions imposed by the board.

Three letters were presented in favor of the request at the hearing's opening, one from Brian Piontka, who lives next door to the proposed bed and breakfast, one from the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and one from David Habegar. Town manager John Christensen said he had received a telephone call supporting the measure from Norma McMullan, a local realtor. Later, Sandra Smith, Executive Director of the



The c. 1820 Col. Francis Toms house at 215 W. Market Street should open soon as the Eagle and Anchor Bed and Breakfast. The Hertford Zoning Board of Adjustments approved a conditional use permit to operate a bed and breakfast for owner Ronald Carrier Monday night.

Chamber of Commerce, read a letter of support from the Chamber's Board of Directors.

JoAnne Morris, who lives across the street from the bed and breakfast property, read a letter on behalf of many of the residents of Market Street

opposing the conditional use permit.

Morris said the neighbors who oppose the bed and breakfast are not necessarily opposed to an upscale bed and breakfast, but are concerned that should problems arise, the

town will fail to enforce its ordinances and conditions. She cited past problems with condemnation, noise and zoning violations as examples of the town's failure to act.

"Hertford's record of enforcing its own laws can only be described as dismal," Morris said.

Morris also pointed to the problem she and some of her neighbors had several years ago when a business was operating in violation of the town's zoning ordinances. She then called attention to properties on Pennsylvania Avenue, Grubb and Edenton Road streets and Market Street that are in poor condition.

"We don't believe that the town is miraculously going to start enforcing its laws," Morris said.

Morris then asked that the town consider approving a list of conditions Carrier would have to meet if the board granted the conditional use permit.

The board did approve the permit with most of the conditions requested by the neighbors.

Cancer walkers surpass fund raising goal

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
Editor

They set a goal and surpassed it, hoping to help researchers meet their goal of finding a cure for cancer.

The seven teams from Perquimans County who participated in last weekend's American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Northeastern High School raised almost \$16,000 to help raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

"It went real well," said Perquimans County Chapter, American Cancer Society Relay co-chairman Deborah Byrum. "The Cancer Society had set a goal for Perquimans County of \$10,000 and we surpassed that with a total of \$15,757."

Byrum said a lot of hard work went into fund raising efforts.

"All the team captains worked real hard," she said. "They got the teams together and they motivated them. I think everyone had a good time. It was a good fellowship time as well as something for a worthy cause."

Byrum said she was very impressed with the Health Occupations Students of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes teams from Perquimans High School, made up of teenagers. "I was real impressed with the kids because they gave up



Perquimans County Relay for Life team members joined with those from Pasquotank in last weekend's walk-a-thon to raise money for cancer awareness and research.

their weekends to do something good and they all pulled together," Byrum said.

The two groups raised \$1,500.

The Perquimans team rais-

ing the most money was Auctioneers—Bidding for a Cure, comprised mainly of employees from the Perquimans County Department of Social

Services. The individual who collected the most was Carol Baker, herself a cancer survivor.

Whiteville Grove Baptist Church took first place in the

best decoration contest with the theme "Following the Cancer Cure Road." Hertford Grammar School's "Educators for Life" team took second.

Commodities to be handed out

Perquimans County will receive USDA donated commodities for distribution on May 28. The Hertford Lions Club will begin distribution at 9 a.m. at the old Winslow-Blanchard Building in Winfall.

All households who will not be able to pick up their commodities may use a representative for this purpose. The commodities card or application must be signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No household will be allowed to pick up food for more than themselves and one other household as representative. There will be no exceptions.

There will be two lines at the distribution site. The second line will be for the

physically handicapped and/or disabled who are present at the distribution to pick up their food. A doctor's note stating the disability or proof of handicapped license plates for their vehicle must be provided. Those persons using the handicapped line may pick up food for their own household only.

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Park only in authorized parking areas.

Application may be obtained from the Department of Social Services, Health Department and Senior Citizen Center.

Program eligibility is based on household income.

Schools expect new buildings by '98

By **SEAN JACKSON**
Correspondent

Renovations and construction at two county schools could be completed by Nov. 30, 1998.

That was the scheduled date given to the Perquimans County Board of Education during their regular meeting Monday night. Board members were presented with a schedule of construction by David Knight of Kahn Construction Management Services, the company that will be handling the bricks and mortar side of the projects at the grammar schools in Hertford and Winfall.

Boney Architects has teamed up with Kahn Construction for the upgrade of both schools. Paul Boney presented the board with a schematic design floor plan for

the new pre-K through second grade school in Winfall. A general floor plan concept for the renovations at Hertford Grammar School to serve grades three-five was also presented to the board. Both plans were approved.

"We want no surprises from our contractors," Knight told the board in relation to the efforts he and Boney have made to ensure that the projects run smoothly and according to the timeline.

Boney and Knight spent several hours Monday afternoon meeting with staff and faculty at both schools for input regarding the needs of personnel at the schools.

"They are the ones that are going to have to be there all day," Boney said.

Expanding the media centers at the sites was one concern Boney and Knight felt

was appropriate. An expansion of the Family Resource Center for the school in Winfall was another.

"We are trying to add onto

the schools in as few places as possible," said Knight, noting that as much kitchen equipment as possible will be saved and reinstalled for economy.

Outside

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